

Home Improvement, Handicap Accessibility and Public Water Connections

Residential Rehabilitation Program

The Town of Brookhaven Residential Rehabilitation Program provides repairs to owner-occupied single-family homes in the Town, thereby stabilizing or increasing home values. Repairs can be made on any part of the home from the chimney to the sanitary system. This program addresses any code issues first. Driveways, fences and landscaping are not included. Landscaping that must be removed in order to permit work to be done on the home will be removed and may be replaced.

Eligibility is determined by total household income and the [income guidelines](#). Due to the large number of applicants, it is necessary to complete a simple [one-page application](#) to be added to our waiting list.

Once your name is reached on the waiting list, you will receive a certified letter requesting [additional documents](#). Once those documents have been received and reviewed for eligibility, you will meet with a member of our staff to complete additional forms and to answer any questions you may have.

If you are eligible, the process to determine the work to be completed will start as follows:

1. An Inspector will meet you at your home to go over your concerns and perform a review of your home to determine the rehabilitation work required.
2. A written summary of the work to be completed will be prepared for your review and signature.
3. You will be asked to select contractors from a list of Suffolk County licensed contractors that meet the Town's license and insurance requirements, and you may submit the names of one or more of your own contractors who meet the Town's requirements.
4. The contractors you select will meet with you and the Inspector at your home to review the work to be completed to insure they understand the work to be performed under the approved work summary.
5. The contractors will submit written bids for the job. Approximately two weeks later, the bids will be opened in our offices at a specified date and time. The LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID will be selected. A responsible bid is one that is submitted on time and falls within a range of the Inspector's estimate.
6. The department will prepare a contract between the homeowner and the contractor. The Town provides the funding for the approved rehabilitation work to be completed.

Financing – Paying for the work to be done

1. A Federal CDBG grant funds this program and pays the contractor directly.
2. This is a zero (0%) percent deferred loan program secured by a mortgage on your home.
3. The loan terms have no interest and there are no monthly payments.
4. The loan is due and payable when you sell your home, transfer title or certain other conditions that are outlined in the mortgage and note documents. Other funds may be used depending on the source of the Federal grants.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at (631) 451-6600 and ask for the Housing Rehabilitation Administrator.

Water Resources

The Town of Brookhaven's federally funded Public Water Connection Program provides financial assistance to owner-occupied single-family homeowners of low to moderate income who are connecting to public water mains. The homeowner must reside in the home to be connected to public water. A zero percent (0%) interest deferred loan pays for Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) meter and tap fees in addition to certain plumbing expenses involved in connecting your home to public water.

If you have access to an existing water main or are contracting privately with the SCWA for the installation of water mains, and are of low to moderate income, you may be eligible for this loan. Eligibility is determined by total household income and the income guide [income guidelines](#). Please complete a [one-page application](#) to apply for this program. Once we receive your application, we will send you a letter requesting [additional documents](#).

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED.

Should you have any questions regarding the Town of Brookhaven's Public Water Connection Program, please contact the Division of Water Resources at 451-6600.

Residential Rehabilitation Handicap Accessibility Program

Handicap Ramps and Handicap Lifts

The Town of Brookhaven Residential Rehabilitation Program provides a zero percent (0%) interest deferred loan to any income eligible homeowner that is in need of a handicap ramp or handicap lift to enhance access to their home. Only single family residences and condominium units are eligible.

Eligibility is determined by total household income and the [income guidelines](#). Due to the large number of applicants, it is necessary to complete a [one-page application](#). Once your application has been received, you will receive a letter asking that you provide our office with [additional documents](#). When the documents have been received and reviewed, you will be asked to meet with one of our staff to complete additional forms and answer any questions you may have.

If you are eligible, the process to determine the work to be completed will start as follows:

1. An Inspector will meet with you at your home to go over any concerns and perform a review of your home to determine whether a ramp or a lift is the best option to resolve your accessibility needs.
2. A written summary of the work to be completed will be prepared for your review, approval and signature.
3. You will be asked to select contractors from a list of Suffolk County licensed contractors that meet the Town's license and insurance requirements and you may submit one or more of your own contractors who meet the Town's requirements.
4. The contractors you select will meet with you and the Inspector at your home to review the work to be completed to insure they understand the work to be performed under the approved work summary.
5. The contractors will submit written bids for the job. Approximately two weeks later, the bids will be opened in our offices at a specified date and time. The LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID will be selected. A responsible bid is one that is submitted on time and falls within a range of the Inspector's estimate.
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2. This is a zero (0%) percent deferred loan program secured by a mortgage on your home.
3. The loan terms have no interest and there are no monthly payments.
4. The loan is due and payable when you sell your home, transfer title or certain other conditions that are outlined in the mortgage and note documents.

Questions

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